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SPECIAL PERMITS FOR DEER AND PIG HUNTING ON UPPER COTTONWOOD CREEK WILDLIFE AREA

The number of deer and/or wild pig hunters on Upper Cottonwood Creek Wildlife Area in western Merced County will be limited to approximately 50 reservation holders on August 13 and 14, 2005, the first two days of the regular Zone A deer season, the Department of Fish and Game announced today. Reservations will be selected in a computerized drawing open to the public. Persons applying to hunt opening weekend of the Zone A Deer Season will be allowed to apply for a one day hunt. The special permits will state which day a hunter may hunt.

A valid 2005-2006 hunting license is required for all persons applying for the drawing. Persons drawn for permits who want to hunt deer are required to possess a valid Zone A deer tag. Those who are drawn and want to hunt wild pig are required to have a valid wild pig tag. Those desiring to hunt both deer and wild pig are required to have both tags. Pig hunters will be restricted to one wild pig during the two day hunt period.

The area will be closed to all persons not holding the special permit except that each permit holder may be accompanied by no more than one observer. The observer may not possess any weapon.

Application should be made on a standard postcard listing the hunter's name, complete mailing address, your 2005-06 hunting license number and which day you would prefer to hunt either Saturday or Sunday. Junior license holders must submit with an adult hunter. Up to four persons may apply as one party by including all the required information on one postcard. Only postcard applications will be accepted. Multiple applications in an envelope will be rejected. A persons name may appear in the drawing only once.

Mail post cards to: Department of Fish and Game, 18110 W. Henry Miller Avenue, Los Banos, CA 93635. Postcards must be in the Los Banos DFG office by July 6, 2005 by 10:00 a.m. The drawing will be held at that time and is open to the public. Only successful applicants will be notified by return mail.

Additional information may be secured by calling the Los Banos Complex office at (209) 826-0463 between 7:30 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., Monday through Friday.